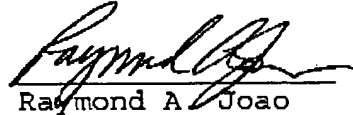


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed August 16, 2006, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 61-80 in view of a prior art reference.

Based on the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: